



State of Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

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Use of Title I Funds for Homeless Students

Title I Reservations

Section 1113 (3) RESERVATION-A local educational agency shall reserve such funds as are necessary under this part to provide services comparable to those provided to children in schools funded under this part to serve-

(A) homeless children who do not attend participating schools, including providing educationally related support services to children in shelters and other locations where children may live...

The department advises districts to consider reserving a sufficient amount of their Title I funds to provide comparable supplementary academic and support services to homeless students who may be enrolled, at any time during the school year, in non-Title I schools, or in grades not included in the district's Title I programming.

In addition, when all other resources are exhausted, Title I funds can help remove educational barriers such as:

- Assistance with students who are homeless, and their parents, in school/community learning opportunities that are related to academic achievement goals
- Assistance with high school graduation fees, college examination, or application costs when the district's policy is not to provide this support for any of its students for these purposes
- Assistance with excess cost to pay for transportation to a student's school of origin for the remainder of the academic year once a formerly homeless student becomes permanently housed
- Barriers to learning that may occur while living in domestic abuse and emergency shelters
- Interpretation and translations of materials for ELL students and their parents for educational and educational rights and responsibilities purposes
- Participation in before-- and --after school programs
- Participation in tutorial programs
- Printed materials that are needed to support and expand literacy development
- Purchase of supplementary instructional materials such as books, school supplies, homework tools, and calculators
- Remedy or assist with removal of barriers that prevent children and youth who are homeless from having a fair opportunity to attend school, including assistance with medical needs (eye glasses, doctor and dental appointments) and other emergency needs.

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